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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the Japanese document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed document is also enclosed, together with an abstract thereof in English.

The above-identified document was first cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this paper.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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